



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2015 and 2016

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

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Introduced 2/3/2015, by Sen. Darin M. LaHood

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

ILCON Art. V, Sec. 1
ILCON Art. V, Sec. 2
ILCON Art. V, Sec. 3
ILCON Art. V, Sec. 4
ILCON Art. V, Sec. 6
ILCON Art. V, Sec. 7
ILCON Art. V, Sec. 14

Proposes to amend the Executive Article of the Illinois Constitution. Eliminates the office of Lieutenant Governor, beginning with the term of office otherwise commencing in 2019. Effective upon being declared adopted.

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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION
2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
5 CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the
6 electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general
7 election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of
8 this resolution a proposition to amend Article V of the
9 Illinois Constitution by changing Sections 1, 2, 3, 6, and 7
10 and by repealing Sections 4 and 14 as follows:

11 ARTICLE V
12 THE EXECUTIVE

13 (ILCON Art. V, Sec. 1)

14 SECTION 1. OFFICERS

15 The Executive Branch shall include a Governor, ~~Lieutenant~~
16 ~~Governor~~, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Comptroller
17 and Treasurer elected by the electors of the State. They shall
18 keep the public records and maintain a residence at the seat of
19 government during their terms of office.

20 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

21 (ILCON Art. V, Sec. 2)

22 SECTION 2. TERMS

1 These elected officers of the Executive Branch shall hold
2 office for four years beginning on the second Monday of January
3 after their election and, ~~except in the case of the Lieutenant~~
4 ~~Governor,~~ until their successors are qualified. They shall be
5 elected at the general election in 1978 and every four years
6 thereafter.

7 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

8 (ILCON Art. V, Sec. 3)

9 SECTION 3. ELIGIBILITY

10 To be eligible to hold the office of Governor, ~~Lieutenant~~
11 ~~Governor,~~ Attorney General, Secretary of State, Comptroller or
12 Treasurer, a person must be a United States citizen, at least
13 25 years old, and a resident of this State for the three years
14 preceding his or her election.

15 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

16 (ILCON Art. V, Sec. 4)

17 SECTION 4. JOINT ELECTION (REP.)

18 ~~In the general election for Governor and Lieutenant~~
19 ~~Governor, one vote shall be cast jointly for the candidates~~
20 ~~nominated by the same political party or petition. The General~~
21 ~~Assembly may provide by law for the joint nomination of~~
22 ~~candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor.~~

23 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

1 (ILCON Art. V, Sec. 6)

2 SECTION 6. GUBERNATORIAL SUCCESSION

3 (a) In the event of a vacancy, the order of succession to
4 the office of Governor or to the position of Acting Governor
5 shall be ~~the Lieutenant Governor,~~ the elected Attorney General,
6 the elected Secretary of State, and then as provided by law.

7 (b) If the Governor is unable to serve because of death,
8 conviction on impeachment, failure to qualify, resignation or
9 other disability, the office of Governor shall be filled by the
10 officer next in line of succession for the remainder of the
11 term or until the disability is removed.

12 (c) Whenever the Governor determines that he may be
13 seriously impeded in the exercise of his or her powers, he or
14 she shall so notify the Secretary of State and the officer next
15 in line of succession. The latter shall thereafter become
16 Acting Governor with the duties and powers of Governor. When
17 the Governor is prepared to resume office, he or she shall do
18 so by notifying the Secretary of State and the Acting Governor.

19 (d) The General Assembly by law shall specify by whom and
20 by what procedures the ability of the Governor to serve or to
21 resume office may be questioned and determined. The Supreme
22 Court shall have original and exclusive jurisdiction to review
23 such a law and any such determination and, in the absence of
24 such a law, shall make the determination under such rules as it
25 may adopt.

26 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

1 (ILCON Art. V, Sec. 7)

2 SECTION 7. VACANCIES IN OTHER ELECTIVE OFFICES

3 If the Attorney General, Secretary of State, Comptroller or
4 Treasurer fails to qualify or if his or her office becomes
5 vacant, the Governor shall fill the office by appointment. The
6 appointee shall hold office until the elected officer qualifies
7 or until a successor is elected and qualified as may be
8 provided by law and shall not be subject to removal by the
9 Governor. ~~If the Lieutenant Governor fails to qualify or if his
10 office becomes vacant, it shall remain vacant until the end of
11 the term.~~

12 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

13 (ILCON Art. V, Sec. 14)

14 SECTION 14. LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR - DUTIES (REP.)

15 ~~The Lieutenant Governor shall perform the duties and
16 exercise the powers in the Executive Branch that may be
17 delegated to him by the Governor and that may be prescribed by
18 law.~~

19 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

20 SCHEDULE

21 This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being
22 declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois
23 Constitutional Amendment Act and applies beginning with the

1 term of office otherwise commencing in 2019.